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Revisions to Right-of-Way Width Typical Sections Drawing

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This purpose of this technical memo is to address comments received from the review of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement regarding excessive right-of-way (ROW) width for the rail design.

The approach used in the development of the conceptual design ROW width for the rail alignment was to allow design/construction flexibility to change location of features such as service roads, and drainage. The current design states a nominal width of the construction ROW at 1,000 feet. Field data collection/analysis and modeling efforts pertaining to hydrology and hydraulics as well as the necessary geotechnical investigations to support the next phase of engineering have not yet been completed. These data will provide the basis for the development of solid design input (determination of soil and hydrologic characteristics necessary for the development of hydrologic crossing structures and roadbed/side slope design) necessary to proceed on to preliminary and final design. The proposed action in the RADEIS is meant to serve as a bounding condition until this more detailed information is obtained.

The conceptual design concept currently has pictured a service road on each side of the roadbed, and has identified this road as 24' wide and a fire break as well. Although a service road is a necessary part of the railroad construction, operations and maintenance, it was incorrectly represented to be a requirement for the road to be located on each side of the roadbed in the Construction Plan Caliente Rail Corridor document, Section 4.5.4, dated May 15, 2007 [DIRS 180922]. The intent of the service road is to be located only on one side of the roadbed, and in some locations would be classified as a public shared-use road - for both public use and track maintenance. In some areas, public roads would require a slight deviation from their existing location to allow for a more favorable railroad crossing in areas of deep cuts or high embankments. Factors such as topography, cuts, and fill areas will influence the elevation of the service road. In areas where the public roads are not a part of the service road, the road width will narrow from two travel lanes 12' wide (total 24') to a single lane 14' wide.

The current conceptual design has drainage ditches identified as a typical ditch width and are meant to be a bounding condition or "worse case" scenario. This will allow flexibility in design and construction as new information is gathered in support of

advancing the rail design as mentioned above. Such features will be subject to future modification with the advent of new data which may affect the conceptual design such as the existence of wetlands, private property, or environmental concerns. By reducing the access road to only one side, and reducing the width of the service road/roadbed drainage to match surface water flow estimates, land disturbance will be reduced and cost will be reduced.

As such, this memo is intended to serve as a new source document that addresses these comments pertaining to excessive right-of-way width. The original source document is "Route Sections & Structures – Typical Concepts of Structural Features Caliente Rail Corridor", NRP, May 15, 2007. (DIRS 182824)

The following changes have been made to this report, sheet 2 of 22 as a supplemental drawing to Drawing NRP-D-SYSM-TY-0002-03 to reflect the current concept:

- 1. Changes have been made regarding service road width to allow for rail maintenance vehicles is 14' and 24' for shared-use.
- 2. Location of the service road will be only on one side of the railbed, and may vary due to topography and other reasons.
- 3. In some locations, the service road may be located at the subballast level due to drainage concerns, and space limitations.
- 4. The service road may be omitted in areas such as wetlands and washes.
- 5. Drainage ditch features shown on sheet 2 represent a maximum condition. The minimum ditch bottom is 3' wide. Ditch width may vary due to estimated quantity of surface water & may be wider to accommodate potential rock falls.
- 6. Ditches may not be required in areas of embankment & sidehill topography.

Changes to the above document will be made to reflect the six items noted above prior to preliminary design.

See attached supplemental drawing showing these revisions.

